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**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**SLOPED SCREEN SEPARATOR THAT REMOVES SOLIDS FROM A MANURE SLURRY**the specification of which (check one) X is attached hereto or \_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_ as Application No. \_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed  
Yes No

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) below.

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Sir:

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